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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Sal L. Piazza, MD, FACS, of Naperville and formerly of Chicago on Wednesday, July 19, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up in Chicago in the Roseland community, and his parents were Leo Piazza of Chicago and Angelina (Colletti) of Corleone, Sicily; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Piazza was a graduate of Fenger High School in Chicago, Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, and the University of Illinois Medical School; he did his first years of residency in Peoria at St. Francis Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, He married Marilyn Domikaitis on August 20, 1955, and together they shared over 50 years of marriage; and

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WHEREAS, He went on to serve in the United States Air Force as a surgeon and medical officer in the late 1950s; he held the rank of captain at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas; and

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WHEREAS, Following his military service, he completed his surgical residency at the West Side Veterans Administration Hospital, affiliated with the University of Illinois; he was board-certified in general surgery and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and

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WHEREAS, During his career, he served in many positions at Edward Hospital in Naperville, including chairman of the Department of Surgery, director of trauma, chief of staff, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of both the hospital and the hospital foundation; he was serving as a member of the board of trustees at Benedictine University in Lisle and the Center for Surgery in Naperville; and

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1           WHEREAS, He was the first recipient of an award named after  
2 him at Edward Hospital, the Sal Piazza, MD, Physician  
3 Recognition Award, first given on April 29, 2006; the award  
4 will be given yearly to a physician that has made an  
5 extraordinary contribution to Edward Hospital and the  
6 community while demonstrating compassion and integrity; and

7           WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Piazza has been deeply felt by  
8 many, especially his wife, Marilyn; his children, Leonard  
9 (Debra), David (Elisa), Thomas (Elizabeth), Gina (Thomas  
10 Persin), and Daniel (April); his grandchildren, Michelle,  
11 Nicholas, Michael, Elizabeth, David, Alex, Emily, Nicole,  
12 Vincent, Corinne, Sam, Sallie Persin, Dominic Persin, Brittany  
13 Persin, and Kate; and his siblings, Anthony and Rosemary  
14 Darnieder; he was preceded in death by his sister, Jacqueline  
15 Lateano; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Sal L. Piazza, MD, FACS, and we extend our sincere condolences  
19 to his family, his friends, and all who knew and loved him; and  
20 be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
23 sympathy.